A Slow Beginning

In the depths of the Hönggerberg woods lies a secluded pond, naturally formed yet compacted by human hands to prevent water seepage. Surrounded by trees that muffle the world outside, only the distant roar of planes and the sharp echoes of gunfire from a nearby shooting range seep through. A path leads to the pond, offering city dwellers a brief escape of the busy city life to perform activities like jogging, cycling, and strolling, before continuing deeper into the woods. In still pockets of water, frogs, dragonflies, and newts thrive among floating moss, while in other parts, the water begins to flow, slipping away into the stream that splits into two, and ends at the water tank of Hönggerberg and the suburbs of Affoltern. The pond, like outstretched fingers, reaches toward the forest, inviting those who stop to linger, as they too reach further into the quiet woods.

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